



**1126th meeting of the
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society**
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Building C, Fort Mason
San Francisco, California

Annual White Elephant Sale
Everybody!!!

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Please join us February 24, 2010 for the return of the annual white elephant sale. It has been probably a decade since the last of this fundraising event. The format is simple. You bring numismatic stuff to donate. Then you buy somebody else's stuff via a live auction format. All proceeds go directly into the club treasury. It is a lot of fun. You can add to your collection. And we don't have to raise the dues! Even if you are not a regular attendee, you are encouraged to come this month and have a good time.

1125th meeting, Coffee Connection: The Montealegre Family in the Bay Area, California Federico Castillo
(reviewed by Herb)

Federico presented a very nice PowerPoint program on the tokens of one of Costa Rica's coffee-growing families and how the family has a connection to San Francisco and the greater Bay Area.

The Montealegres and Gallegos are two well-connected and wealthy Costa Rican families who earned their wealth and power through political connections, coffee growing, and intermarrying with each other.

Federico traced their origins and how they came to San Francisco using local Costa Rican history, the beginning of coffee growing, which replaced tobacco growing and led to their wealth, and the good fortune and opportunity they used in intermarrying with each other to consolidate wealth and power.

The tokens are quite charming, usually denominated by the differing containers in which coffee beans were loaded or picked, i.e., 1/8 basket, 1/4 basket, etc. Many have been counter-stamped by subsequent coffee plantation owners and many, perhaps most, were made in places other than Costa Rica.

January 2010 Exhibits

Dan brought a late 90's Valley of the Moon, Vigilantes, Good for 25 cents in Trade token from the Sonoma Hotel & Bar.

Bill, a new member, brought three tokens that illustrate his collecting interests; a Flying "A" movie money token and two Moise (SF token maker) tokens, one from MAG & company (identified as M. A Gunst & Company) and one with Good For 5c In Trade and not much else to help identify it!

Whalen showed us a dime-size Heaton Mint coin from the Straits Settlements of Malaysia picturing Queen Victoria and dated 1882, and

a San Jose Coin Club medal showing two old San Jose movie palaces, one still operating and the other long closed.

Jerry (welcome back Professor!) brought a whole passel of San Francisco tokens, all featuring Spanish names, A. S. Calderon, Rodriguez, Lepis, and a number with city or place names, such as Santa Clara, San Jose, San Mateo, etc.

Ed exhibited new lighthouse tokens featuring issues from Macau, Uruguay, Alexandria, and Cape Hatteras.

Federico Castillo brought a "paper token" from Costa Rica, a piece of scrip money made by some of the Italian immigrants who came to the country after World War I.

Herb brought a bag of macerated currency obtained after a visit to the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City, MO and a very ornate engraved silver medal dated 08/18/1890 given to "Wertcheek" for "Boot Tools."

January 2010 Raffle (raised \$55)

- 1) A 1963 Mint Set went to Bill
- 2) An American Numismatic Association medal from the Colorado convention of 1993 also went to Bill
- 3) A Bag of Copper Coins was won by Bill again!!
- 4) Whalen took home a 1971 Ike Dollar.
- 5) Ed won a DVD on the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco and a 1943 S Australian Shilling.

2010 Papers contest

Articles are solicited for the next PCNS papers contest. The due date will be the April 2010 meeting. Authors are reminded that all illustrations and photos must have the permission to be used for publication. Also note that many images available on the internet are not in the public domain nor of high enough resolution to be suitable for the quality of publication that we envision. Full contest rules will be available on the PCNS website, www.pcns.org.

Mini-writing contest

The last page of the monthly Bulletin is a place where members can write a short summary on a numismatic topic of their choosing. A paragraph or two, with or without a photo will suffice.

These mini presentations will then be judged at the December meeting and the "best" will be awarded a 1000th meeting medal set, courtesy of Herb! Please submit to the bulletin editor at mf_wehner@yahoo.com.

A partial list of the items that will be auctioned off in the White Elephant sale.

You are encouraged to add to this list by bringing more numismatic items. Or just come and buy these things!

Multiple lots of badges and newspapers from the PCNS PPIE collection.

ANA San Francisco convention medals

5 grab bags filled with choice US and foreign coins, tokens - about 30 items in each bag.

U.S. Store cards by Adams 1954 reprint

Coins of The World by J.W. Scott 1913 (reprint)

Michigan Depression Scrip by Curto

California 76 - Tokens & Medals of the American Revolution Bicentennial by Album

Alaska's Coinage Thru The Years by Gould et al 1965

Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine Title Index 1935-64

Florida Trade Tokens by Clark

Perkey's Nebraska Place Names (1982)

Louisiana Trade Tokens by Crawford et al (1982)

Indiana Trade Tokens by Wagaman (1981)

2 Books of Chinese Lunar Zodiac Coins

2 Coin Holders, one for Roosevelt Dimes and one for Jefferson Nickels

Book - The George "Buddy" Byers Collection of US Half Dollars

Book - Santa Clara Elite Coin Auction 4/10/08

Rare Coin Market Report april 2008

Afghan Ancient Silver Coin in holder

British Virgin Islands Proof Set 1976

Magnifier on Stand

Canadian Commemoratives - 2 - 1 gold color, 1 silver color containing precious metals

American Revolution Bicentennial Coin

Coins of Israel Sets, 1967 and 1970

US Proof Set 1979

Modern British Commonwealth Coins, by Harris

The Colonial Coinages of British Africa, by Spink & Son LTD

Catalog of California Trade Tokens, Vol I & II, plus First Supplement, by Album

United States Copper Coins, by Q. David Bowers

Coins through the ages, by Laurence Brown

The Silver Dollars of North and South America, Wayte Raymond

European Crowns Since 1800, by John S. Davenport

Paper Money, Catalogue of the Americas, by Albert Pick

Latin American Tokens, 2nd edition, by Russell Rulau

Medallic Portraits of Washington, 2nd Edition, Rulau & Fuld

Partial set of 1938-1961 Jefferson Nickels

Bag of Mai Chow SF Chinese Club tokens

Various empty Whitman coin albums

2 partial sets of Lincoln Cents 1941---

1999 Clad Proof Set

1972 Denver Mint Set

1995 Denver Mint Set

1993 Clad Proof set

Bag of transportation tokens

Bag of Blue & Red Point OPA tokens